

REMARKS

The present response cancels claims 1-16 and amends claims 17 – 19 and 25. Claims 31-45 have been added. Therefore, claims 17-45 are pending in the application.

Section 121 Restriction:

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicants elect Invention II (claims 17-45) without traverse. Like original claims 17-30, added claims 31-45 relate to a document exchange framework for processing in-bound and out-bound documents in an electronic procurement system.

In response to the Examiner's species restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicants elect Species Group A2 without traverse. Applicants submit that none of the pending claims recite any limitations specific to either Species Groups A1 or A2 and therefore all pending claims are generic to both species groups as defined by the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

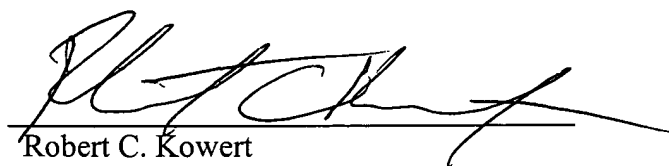
Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If any extension of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) is necessary to prevent the above referenced application from becoming abandoned, Applicants hereby petition for such an extension. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5681-90700/RCK.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time
- ☐ Notice of Change of Address
- ☐ Fee Authorization Form authorizing a deposit account debit in the amount of \$
for fees ().
- ☐ Other:

Respectfully submitted,



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